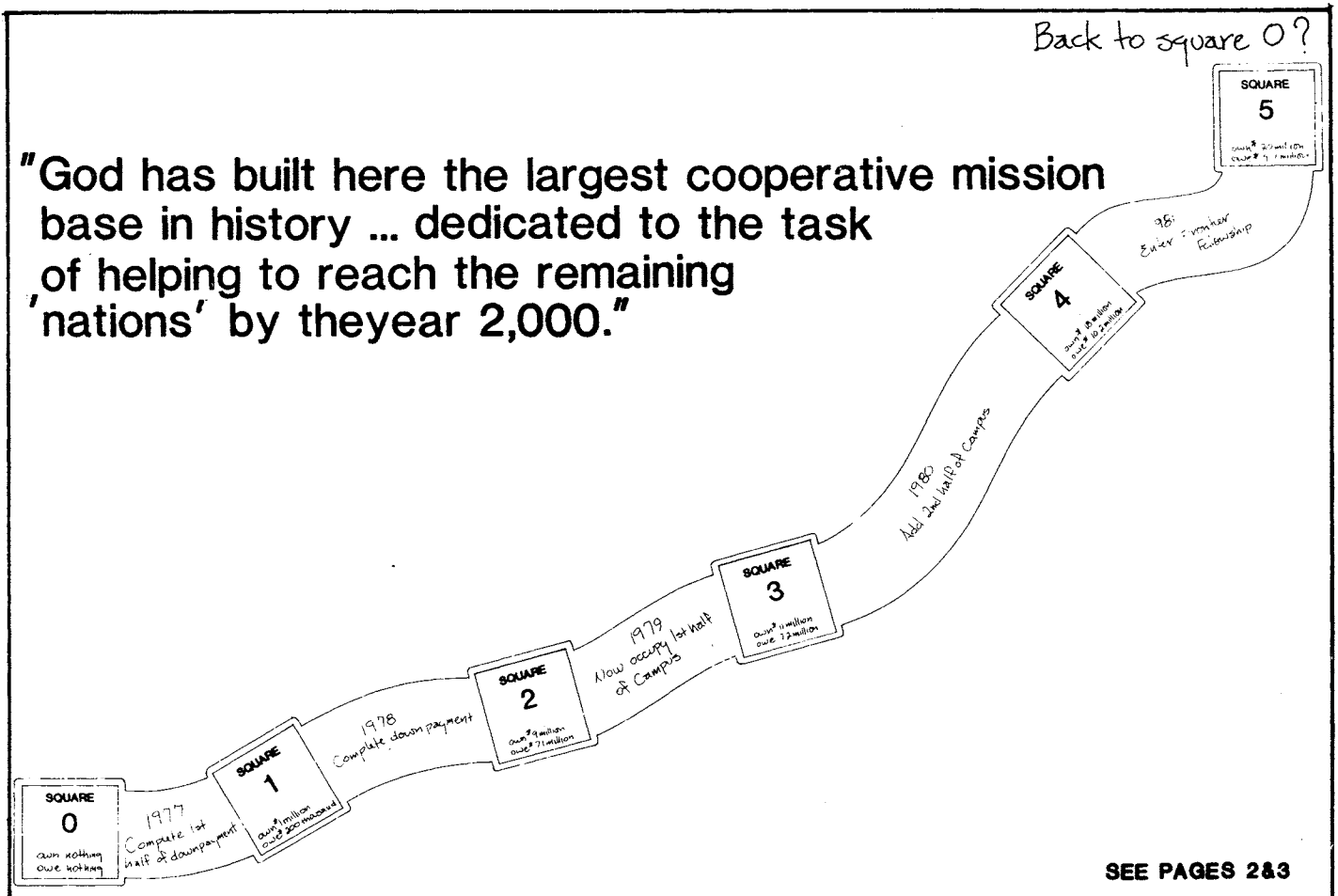


MISSION FRONTIERS

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A LOOK INSIDE

Mission Frontiers is not a flashy magazine. Newsprint. Black-and-white. Not many splashy pictures or impressive ads.

But then, it's a bit like the U.S. Center for World Mission. Our campus doesn't impress visitors with its luxurious furniture or famous people. There's not even a big sign out in front announcing our presence in the community.

But, there are a lot of people here — dedicated people who are actively, eagerly serving the Lord.

Their hearts are set on God's highest priority of reaching Hidden Peoples with the gospel. And for this period in their lives, they have found that the U.S. Center is the best place for God to use them. Many staff plan to be here for years. But then, others of them keep slipping off to foreign fields.

Mission Frontiers, the unassuming magazine you hold in your hands, is a small reflection of what the USCWM is about: The Frontier Fellowship (p. 4-7) ... prayer for Hidden Peoples (13-14) ... campus payments (2-3) ... lives revolutionized by new frontier vision (11,12,15) ... training programs for getting the task done (9-10).

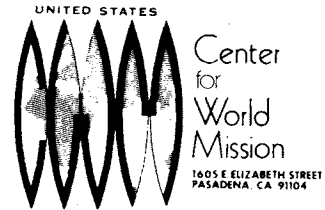
Read it. Pray over it. Ask the Lord of the Harvest how He may want you to become involved with the final frontiers of the gospel.

"God has built here the largest cooperative mission base in history..."

December 22, 1981

Dear People,

This year has been the most stressful, pressured, confusing year yet. Never before have we made plans for what to do during a 90-day foreclosure process!



However, gradually, solidly and now strongly, the appearance "out of nowhere" of Pastor Vuta and his fascinating "handful of rice" from Burma, have moved in to dominate our hopes and prayers and have thus allowed us truly to SEE the "light at the end of the tunnel."

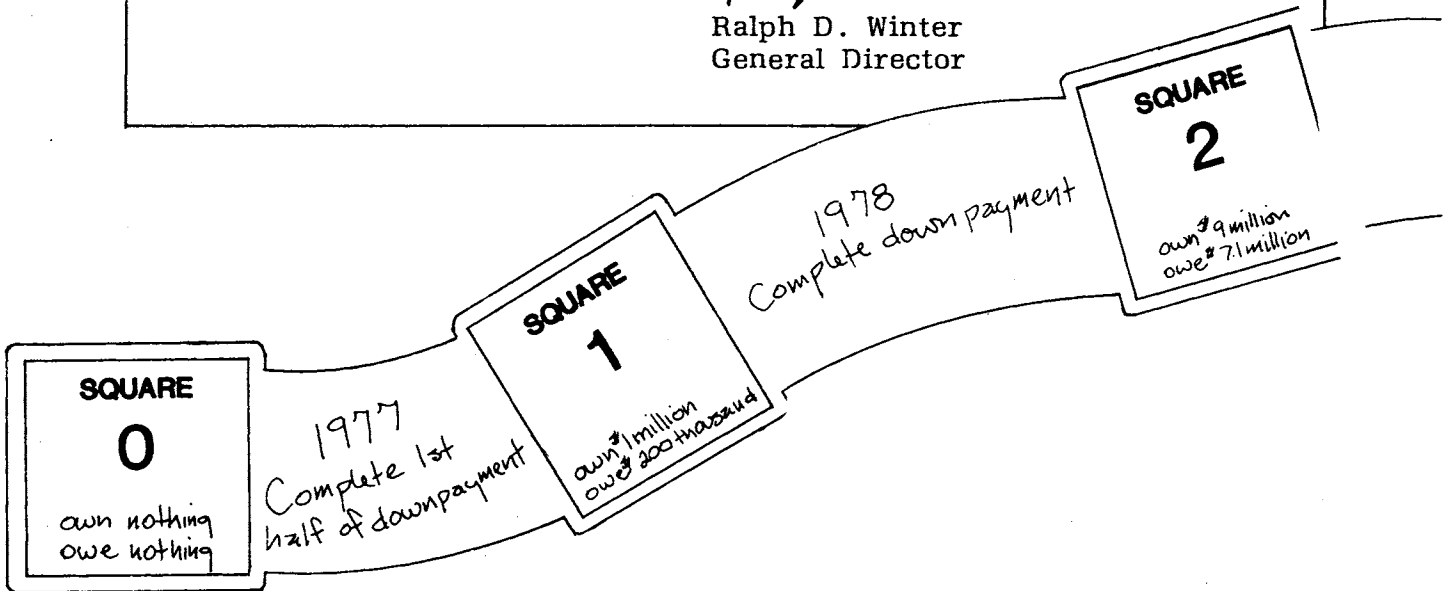
Even so, we may still not be able to avoid that dread beginning of the foreclosure process. (As I write, we are still \$175,000 short for the December 31 date on which foreclosure is supposed to begin.)

However, the Frontier Fellowship movement is growing and abounding day by day, and during the 90 days of grace a great deal more will happen. How we thank God for that!

Yours, in His Commission,

Ralph D. Winter

Ralph D. Winter
General Director



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WHAT DO THESE SQUARES MEAN?

Back to square 0?

Time is in our favor, and God has been in our favor. As a result, these five squares, these five years of advance, have been like the "five smooth stones" David used against Goliath—except that in our case Goliath is not exactly dead yet! Each square tells the story at the end of that year. The years fall into three periods of financial policy:

- Period I: 1977—"Ask anything of anyone"
- Period II: 1978,79,80—"Ask only \$15.95 of anyone"
- Period III: 1981—"Ask nothing"

NOW: ASK NOTHING!??

Well, that is only technically true. The fact is that (as you can see over at the right) a whole list of organizations is promoting the Frontier Fellowship for which a great deal of money is generated quietly, and a certain amount may be assigned to us.

SQUARE

5

own \$ 20 million
owe \$ 9.7 million

1981
Enter: Frontier Fellowship

SQUARE

4

own \$ 18 million
owe \$ 10.2 million

THE FIRST \$1 MILLION
Adopted Goals

- 1,000 Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle
- 2,000 North Africa Mission
- 3,000 Africa Inland Mission
- 1,000 Gospel Recordings, USA
- 1,000 Christian Missionary Fellowship
- 1,000 International Missionary Advance
- 1,000 International Students, Inc.
- 2,000 UP Order for World Evangelization
- 12,000 Frontier Prayer Partners
- x \$.28 per day=over \$1 million per year
- x \$15 =\$180,000 to the U.S. Center for World Mission

1980
Add 2nd half of Campus

SQUARE

3

own \$ 11 million
owe \$ 7.2 million

1979
Now occupy 1st half of Campus

These officially announced goals are only the tip of the iceberg! Many others are in process. For example, The Evangelical Free Church of America now has officially adopted the Frontier Fellowship and even has its own version of the Daily Prayer Guide. A single relatively small denomination like that may readily reach 12,000 Prayer Partners by itself. That will give them at least \$1 million extra for additional frontier outreach, possibly as much as \$2 million, of which, say, 12,000 x \$15 will come to us, as above. Note that the Evangelical Free people voluntarily chose to send us \$15 for each person involved. We did not require this of them.

MAY GOD BLESS THE 700 CONGREGATIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH! Their's is the first denominational leadership to resolve to send money outside their denomination to the U.S. Center property need.

...dedicated to the task of helping to reach the remaining "nations" by the year 2,000."



FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP NEWS

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH PILOT. Robert Dillon, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Free Church of America Board of Overseas Mission, has suggested that there be an Evangelical Free Church edition of the daily prayer guide developed. Churches within the denomination would use the guide in a pilot Frontier Fellowship project.

MISSION LEADER ENCOURAGED BY NEW PRAYER GUIDE. "I just finished going over the Daily Prayer Guide and am ecstatic! This will advance world evangelization tremendously! I hope it is read and used far and wide. Deep thanks for this exciting

new tool." Dr. C. Peter Wagner, Professor, Fuller School of World Mission.

AIM SETS GOAL OF 3,000. Ed Schuit, Assistant Home Director of Africa Inland Mission reported that AIM has decided to adopt as a formal goal the cultivation of 3,000 supporters involved in the Frontier Fellowship's daily discipline of praying and saving for the Hidden Peoples. AIM is responsible for over 20,000 churches planted in East Africa, is a founding member of the IFMA (Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association), and sent the largest delegation present at the World Consultation on Frontier Missions in Edinburgh, Scotland. See letter below for more information.



AFRICA INLAND MISSION • P.O. BOX 178, PEARL RIVER, N.Y. 10965

November 4, 1981
(Dictated October 30)

Dr. Ralph Winter
U.S. Center for World Mission
1605 E. Elizabeth Street
Pasadena, CA 91104

Dear Ralph:

You will be happy to know that at a Council meeting last week the setting up of an A.I.M. Frontier Fellowship was approved and a preliminary goal of 3,000 active members set. Hopefully we will exceed that but in any case that is our immediate goal and it would be for a June 30, 1982 dateline. Council is also prepared to send to the U.S. Center the first \$15 that comes in from each member of the Frontier Fellowship.

. . . We hope to start to actively promote it early in January 1982. . .

We'll be keeping in touch with you in the days to come, but wanted to give you this immediate word as to our Council's decision. I rejoice with you and feel that it is very much in line with A.I.M.'s goals of reaching out to hidden peoples within and beyond our present sphere of work. . .

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Peter Stam
U.S. Director



FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP LETTERS

Enclosed is a check for \$31. This is what we collected for the month of July with our "Loose Change Fellowship." We hope to continue to give monthly in this venture. Each time we meet we pray for a country around the world and for you. It has greatly increased our vision.

We would ask that you use the first \$300.00 we send you to purchase the Center. We realize this need for you. We have about 20 involved in our fellowship and we want for each of us to be a part of the purchase of the Center. We have been blessed by your ministry.

In His Service with You,
Sunrise Coffeehouse Fellowship
Denver, CO

About 2 months ago I started setting aside my loose change as you suggested as a reminder to pray for various countries around the world. I believe God is leading me into missions in the future and I know He will use this little project to direct me to the place He would have me to go.

In Jesus,
G. G.
Cheyenne, WY

I am just now attaching my Hidden Peoples label to my jar and am excited about involving my family of six in this wonderful work, I am also planning to speak to the pastors of our two churches about the challenge of frontier missions...

In Christ,
D.N.
Laguna Niguel

If, as U.S. Christians we cannot make your dream and the Lord's mandate a reality, we are in a sad state.

J.G.
Palo Alto, CA

Thanks for the Loose Change Fellowship! I hope to have at least 5 friends involved before I leave for Oregon. Then maybe I can talk five people into doing the same thing for Judson!

I ran a snack shop this past week which proved to be quite successful. Enclosed is a portion of the profits.

Kindest regards,
R.F.
The Dalles, OR

Here is the check for the loose coin fund I have been keeping. I pray every day for the U.S. Center for World Mission. Also I pray daily for the Hidden People using the prayer guide from Mission Frontiers. I believe in the work you are doing. I know God is able to meet every need.

Sincerely,
V. S.
Upland, CA

I think your Frontier Missions Ministry is a God-inspired one. The Lord has put it on my heart to do my part. This is why I am writing you. I need more information and also the jar labels to give to other brothers and sisters in Christ, for as we both know the Harvest is Great and the Laborers are so few. Please respond as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless.

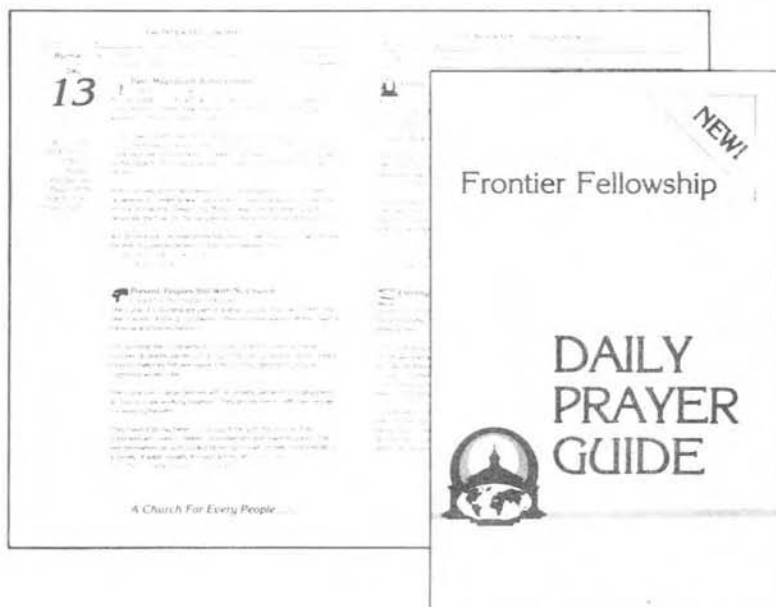
Your Brother in Christ,
T.W.
Chula Vista, CA

You have really given me an awareness of frontier missions. I've wanted to get personally involved since I first heard your message, but for various reasons, this has never come about. However, I did start saving my loose change and sent for your information. I intend to keep saving my spare change as a daily reminder to pray both for frontier missions and for your program.

This daily prayer routine has been a continuous blessing to me.

Thank you,
P.W.
Riverside CA

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP MATERIALS



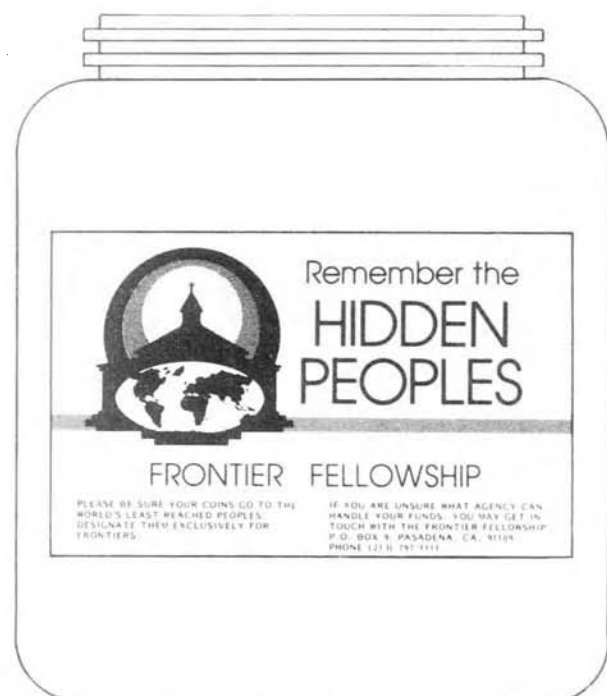
FOR FRONTIER PRAYER PARTNERS

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE for the world's Hidden Peoples to encourage daily prayer and giving (see center spread). This unique devotional reader with its optimistic world-wide emphasis is the Frontier Fellowship's most important resource. Booklets A, B and C serve as an introduction; subsequent booklets are dated monthly. Customized editions produced for various denominations and agencies participating in the Frontier Fellowship may also be available.

LABELS. Every family and believer receives a brightly colored, pressure-sensitive jar label for their loose change jar. Saving loose coins serves as a daily reminder to pray for the Hidden Peoples. Customized labels produced for various denominations and mission agencies may also be available.

BOOK LIST. List of books and charts available from the Frontier Fellowship National Office at up to 40% off. Includes items such as:

- * Peace Child; In the Gap; Today's Tentmakers
- * Full color Hidden People chart
- * Unreached Peoples '79, '80, and '81
- * and much more!



FOR MONTHLY FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS.

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP SLIDE-TAPE PRESENTATION. This 12-minute audio-visual presents the stirring challenge of reaching the world's remaining Hidden Peoples, and a brief overview of the Frontier Fellowship Campaign. It is especially designed to help you launch your Frontier Fellowship program within the congregation.

INTRODUCTORY CASSETTE. This 15-minute cassette explains the purpose and nature of the regular monthly Frontier Fellowship meetings. It can be used at your first Frontier Fellowship meeting, or to introduce the campaign to congregational leaders.

FRONTIER RESOURCES. A regularly updated computer listing of frontier-oriented mission materials available from various groups and agencies. Listings include films, video tapes, cassettes, slide shows, books, seminars, and more.

HIDDEN PEOPLE

How To Begin In Your Church

HIDDEN PEOPLE SUNDAY PLANNING KIT. All materials necessary to plan and present a Hidden People Sunday in your church. Includes publicity, message suggestions, sample materials and handouts, etc. Ideal for introducing the Hidden People challenge to a congregation and launching the Frontier Fellowship campaign as a follow-up.

THE FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP: HOW TO BEGIN IN YOUR CHURCH. Additional copies of this informational brochure for church leaders, missions committees, Sunday School teachers. Helps introduce the Frontier Fellowship and facilitate church planning for new frontier outreach and concern for Hidden Peoples.

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP BROCHURE. This clearly written, attractive brochure gives the background of the Frontier Fellowship, and introduces the essential components and vision of the Frontier Fellowship campaign. A useful tool to help launch the Frontier Fellowship in your church. Order enough for each member, and keep a supply handy for visitors. Size: 9" x 16".

Introducing...



The
**FRONTIER
FELLOWSHIP**

THE PLOT

THE PLOT WAS FIRST
UNCOVERED IN BURMA,

WHERE
A SMALL CHURCH
BEGAN PRAYING
FOR A LITTLE-KNOWN
TRIBE HIDDEN IN THE
HILLS TO THE NORTH...



THE PLOT. A humorously illustrated 24-page booklet challenging believers to help finish the Great Commission. Encourages readers to try out the practical daily prayer and "loose change" discipline. Especially designed to equip church members to share the frontier vision with friends, either by mail or in person, thus multiplying the impact of your Frontier Fellowship campaign.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE FINAL FRONTIERS OF THE GOSPEL

"The Lord Thy God in the midst of thee
is mighty" Zeph 3:17

1. **CHURCHES:** One thousand new churches are born every week in the former mission lands of the world.
2. **BELIEVERS:** Four out of five of the 56 largest (10 million plus) countries of the world have one million evangelicals or more in their population.
3. **COMMUNISTS:** Communist party members are less than one-third the number of evangelical Christians in the world today! (And half the party members are captives of a system they don't really believe in!)
4. **DECISIONS:** The largest meeting of human beings in all human history has recently taken place in Korea, initiated, organized and financed entirely by "mission field" Christians! The first evening there were 700,000 decisions for Christ!
5. **AGENCIES:** The largest meeting of mission leaders in human history--measured by the number of agencies sending delegates--recently took place in Scotland. And 57 (one-third) of the 171 agencies participating were mission agencies born and rooted in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The meeting focused exclusively on frontiers!
6. **FRONTIERS:** 5,450 people groups, Biblical "nations," now have witnessing churches within them. Only 16,750 yet need to be reached, mainly smaller groups. The Bible requires a testimony to all these nations (Matt. 24:14). That goal is now truly possible by the year 2000, if the Lord carries! These are the "final frontiers" of the gospel.
7. **A PLAN:** Like the church providing this page, many congregations are experiencing an exciting renewal of hope and vision as some of their people participate in a new frontier-focused daily devotional discipline that came from tribal Christians in Burma. Can you believe it? This may produce \$100 million per year for Frontier Missions, through existing mission channels!

Want to know more about what is behind any of these statements? Write or call and ask, by number, for further information from:

The United States Center for World Mission
1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California 91104
Telephone (213) 797-1111

ANTIDOTE TO PESSIMISM

The great missionary movements of the past century began with a fresh new vision among college students for fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission among ALL NATIONS. The current movement among college students is no exception.

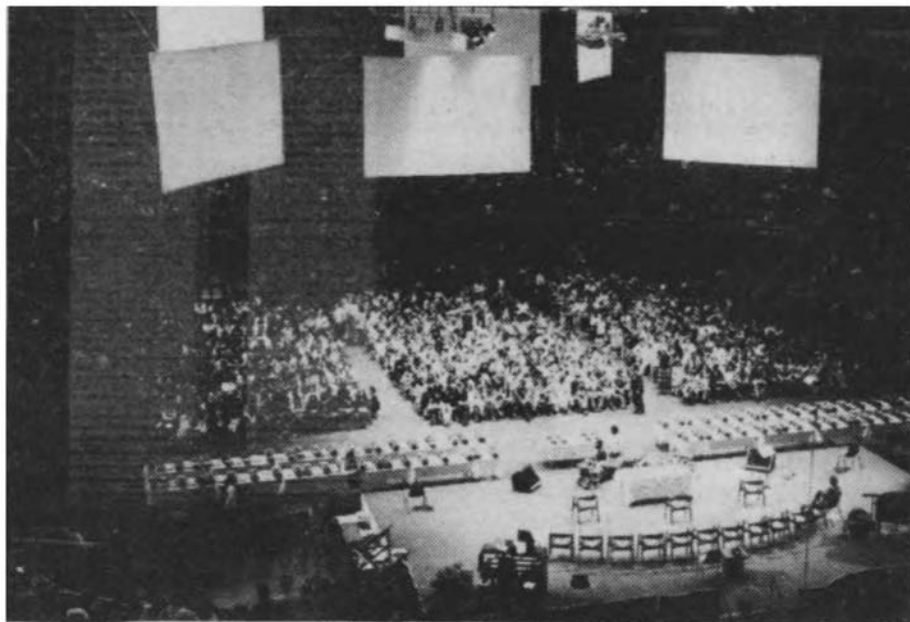
One outstanding example was the pledge designed by the delegates to the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions (Edinburgh '80). They pledged their lives to "... obeying His commission ... [and] giving priority to the peoples currently beyond the reach of the Gospel ... "

That same remarkable growing interest in world missions in recent years on the college campuses of America and Canada has led Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship to shorten the time between the "Urbana" conferences. Instead of every three years, Urbana is now held every other year.

"Urbana" is the largest student missions conference in the world. 17,000 students from all over North America gather at the University of Illinois, Urbana campus between Christmas and New Year's, December 27-31. Through plenary sessions, seminars, workshops and personal contacts with missionaries, students can explore what their role in world evangelization might be.

"LET EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD" is the ringing theme of Urbana '81. Daily themes are slated to be: "Christ's Message," "Christ's World," "Christ's Missionary," and "Christ's Lordship."

Speakers at Urbana '81 plenary sessions include Billy Graham, David M. Howard, Helen Roseveare, John Kyle, Rebecca Pippert, Isabelo Magalit, Gordon MacDonald, Samuel Escobar, Robert Munger, and Bernie Smith, song leader.



THE INCREDIBLE URBANA PHENOMENON

USCWM INVOLVEMENT

At Urbana '79, an estimated 8,000 students of the 17,000 total stopped by the USCWM booth in the Armory for information. This year, twenty-five USCWM staff members will be on hand at Urbana to answer questions about frontier missions, the USCWM's training and study programs, and opportunities for getting to the frontiers.

Staff members will be leading workshops: "Teaching English, Tentmaking and Tooling up for the Frontiers" (John Shindeldecker), "For Mission Fanatics, Innovators, Mavericks and Macho Missionaries Only" (Brad Gill), and "Case Studies in the Strategy of Staying at Home" (Len Bartlotti).

Each day of the conference, Ralph Winter will be offering a seminar entitled "Cross-Cultural Evangelism."

IIS FOLLOW-UP

A significant step forward in rounding out the Urbana experience is the addition of the Inter-Varsity Missions/Institute of International Studies, January 1-7, 1982, immediately following the main conference.

Because the Urbana convention loads students with such a volume of information, opportunities and stimulating challenges, the IIS follow-up is designed to help delegates make the vision of Urbana usable, practical and personal. The course will provide a Biblical and historical context for solid personal involvement with the World Christian Movement. It will help students put their Urbana experience into focus.

Only delegates to the main Urbana convention are eligible to attend the follow-up. Information is being sent to all registrants of Urbana '80.

EXPLODE YOUR MISSIONS
MYTHS, AND REBUILD A
FOUNDATION OF GOD'S
GLOBAL PURPOSES AT IIS

Whether you are a student seeking a profitable use for your January break, or a layman or Christian leader looking for a life-changing experience, the IIS inter-term may be just what you're looking for.

JANUARY INTERTERM

The Institute of International Studies (IIS) inter-term session, January 4-29, 1982, will provide students, laymen, and Christian leaders with an excellent opportunity to explore Biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic foundations for world evangelization.

Professors with a wide range of missions experience and insight, including Lloyd Kwast, Don Richardson, and Ralph Winter, will lecture and be available for informal discussion. Field

experience in the metropolitan Los Angeles area will put "flesh and blood" on principles articulated in the classroom. Case studies will focus attention on personal and practical approaches to Chinese, Muslim, Hindu, and tribal peoples.

Readings will make use of the new IIS textbook, Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, study guide, and videotapes. Learning, as always in the IIS experience, will take place in a community of other students and staff of the U.S. Center for World Mission and member organizations.

The
Institute
of
International
Studies



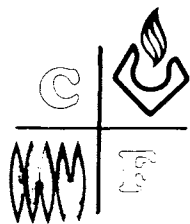
What do you get out of it? IIS students come away from such a course with (1) an appraisal of the challenges and opportunities of church planting and community development among the world's Hidden Peoples, as well as (2) a framework of understanding that enables them to make responses of obedience.

SPRING SEMESTER

The Spring 1982 Evening Class is designed both as an elective course for Christian students attending secular colleges and universities in the greater Los Angeles area, as well as a "continuing education" course for Christian laymen in the same area.

Spring '82 Evening Class in Pasadena will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7:00-10:00 from February 2-May 25. Undergrad credit is available from WCIU or Columbia Bible College; grad credit is available from WCIU or Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary.

For more information, check appropriate box on back page, or contact IIS, 1539 E. Howard, Pasadena, CA 91104.



IS IT FOR YOU?

CAREER FOUNDATIONS
PROGRAM

Missionary statesman John Mott said, "There is no better education than to sit at the feet of missionaries!" Students in the U.S. Center's Career Foundations Program have the opportunity to do just that in the Winter Quarter beginning January 4 in Pasadena.

A full schedule of courses, including Bible survey, theology and missions are offered to students on either the graduate

or undergraduate level, taught by missionaries and mission-minded Christian leaders.

Evening courses enable students with a busy work schedule to take advantage of the fully-accredited training, offered in conjunction with Columbia Bible College and Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions. For further information call Daphne Drescher, assistant program director at (213) 797-1111 or write The Career Foundations Program, 1605 Elizabeth, Pasadena, CA 91104.



NEWSBRIEFS

MISSIONS IN
BITE-SIZE PIECES

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP FOCUSES ON HIDDEN PEOPLES. James Smith, General Director of the Christian Missionary Fellowship, in the September-October issue of "Impact" made some timely comments about the development and adjustment of the mission's long range plans:

"During those [planning] years, two major facts emerged. First, "fields" shifted from "nation-states" (countries) to "people-groups." Instead of perceiving needs, opportunities and receptivity by countries primarily, we see them as "peoples" (the ethne of the Great Commission). After researching Kenya, for instance, we concluded being led to the Maasai and Turkana peoples. Major research and consideration was also given to the Samburu.

"Second, through coordinated studies resulting from world mission conferences, 16,750 unreached people groups were identified. And bold vision projected "A CHURCH FOR EVERY PEOPLE BY THE YEAR 2000!" This means that every concerned Christian, church and agency must accelerate and multiply its world outreach. Since The Great Commission is the covenant purpose of God, the charter of the Church and the end toward which history moves, we must be more single in purpose and more ordered in priority."

These insightful comments reflect a hopeful and exciting trend now taking place among many missions. Attention is shifting from "occupied fields" (countries) to the bypassed "hidden" people groups, signalling the transition to a new era of frontier outreach.

CMF was founded in 1949, and currently has 42 missionaries working in Brazil, Indonesia, Kenya and Mexico, primarily involved in church planting, evangelism, and support of national churches.

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DENOMINATION "ADVANCES" TOWARDS HIDDEN PEOPLES. In keeping with their ten-year strategy to penetrate 100 Hidden People Groups, an entire issue of the Foursquare denominational magazine, "Advance" focused on "Hidden People — Penetrating the Last Frontiers."

Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Missions 297 International for the Foursquare Church commented in the October "Advance" that, "in recent times, we have begun to realize afresh that the world's population is not made up so much of countries as it is of people groups."

The edition of the magazine is filled with articles such as "The Foundation for Today's Missions," "Steps to Adopting a Hidden People," "Hidden But not Unreachable," and "Meeting Needs with Your Loose Change." Their goal is simple: to renew vision and vigor throughout the denomination for the final frontiers of the gospel.

The Foursquare Church has targeted 100 Hidden People groups in which to begin work, such as Moor & Malays of Sri Lanka; Turkish workers of Germany; and the Ilongots of Philippines.

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INSTITUTE OF HINDU STUDIES. Bruce Graham has accepted the invitation of the Working Committee of the Institute of Hindu Studies to be the Director of the study institute. Graham, a graduate in Cross-Cultural Studies from Fuller Seminary, has spent extended periods of time in India involved in research and training programs in recent years. He headed up the Advanced IIS program there twice. Aron Jantzen will continue his part-time assistance in the office.

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MORE WORLD MISSION CENTERS. Ben Jennings, Director of International Missionary Advance announced that three more Centers for World Mission are being established, in Singapore, Japan, and Germany. They are requesting information on world mission advances and lectures on world missions. This makes a total of 25 "sister mission centers" around the globe in various stages of development.

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TODAY'S MISSION magazine will begin regular bi-monthly production in January '82, according to Gordon Aeschliman, publisher of the new missions magazine. They are seeking a full-time editor, personally committed to missions, who is also able to write and edit missions materials. Applicants should contact Gordon at 1772 Sierra Bonita, Pasadena, CA 91104 or (213) 797-5320.

Hidden in the 1920's - Still Hidden!

REV. HERBERT C. LONG first went to India in 1916 — the era of the Student Volunteer Movement — as a missionary with the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society; he returned from his final term there in 1957. He currently resides in Redlands, CA. If his reflections on missions had been put into practice during his terms in India, if more laborers were sent into the harvest at that time, perhaps there would no longer be 3,000 Hidden People groups in India. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will thrust out more laborers!

BY HERBERT C. LONG

When I had completed two years of studying the Bengali language, I was, rather surprisingly, appointed to take charge of a junior theological seminary, a Bible School, in Midnapore, West Bengal, India, during the nineteen-twenties.

The Bible School had the custom of granting four months interim during the cold season, so the students could gain practical experience by joining an evangelistic group, touring areas hard to reach during the cold season.

NEARBY MISSION FIELD

As a result of these trips I was made acutely aware of the

THE BOOK.

What? Publishing a book at the age of ninety-four? Yes, and a sizable one too. The title is "Unfolding the Ideal Life; a Biblical Account of Man's Spiritual Progress." It was begun to encourage a new Christian, a Bengali young man who was a convert from the hitherto unreached Washerman caste, and make clear to him, and others, how the Scriptures were developed, and explain portions difficult to understand. To obtain a copy of the book, write Rev. Herbert Long, 811 Alden Road, Redlands, CA 92373.



tremendous territory adjacent to our home base where the Gospel had been preached, but only to a very limited extent. To the east, there was a stretch of territory fifty by a hundred miles where no Christian church had been established. Yet on either side of this great Rupnaryan River there was a continual stretch of rich alluvial soil, thickly populated by Bengalis.

It occurred to me more than once that this river affords an excellent opportunity for a good sized, modern type river boat, which might do a work similar to the famed Fukuin Maru in the Japan Inland Sea. At the time we made our trip to Ghatal, the government (British dominated) would not have presented any obstacle; indeed, they might have welcomed such a project.

Even now if along with the Gospel Message, instruction in better agricultural methods, health, sanitation, and population control were given, such a boat might well be permitted. With the comfortable ship as a base, excursions as far as five miles inland could be made, and a large number of people could be reached, not once, but repeatedly.

TENTMAKING IN INDIA?

Now that India has adopted a policy on not admitting foreigners where Indians can do the job, how can missionaries get in? Years ago the Tata Iron and Steel Company brought out groups of Welch and Scots to teach their workers new

processes in the manufacture of iron and steel; but they have not done so in recent years.

But here is a clue. Could it be done elsewhere and in other industries? Unexpected opportunities may open up, and it is very important that there be a mission organization to improve such opportunities as they occur.

Then there is the already established Christian community from which a forward-looking program can draw wisdom. By working with two ecumenical bodies of the church of South India, and the Church of North India, certainly great progress can be made in reaching the vast, unevangelized portion of the population.

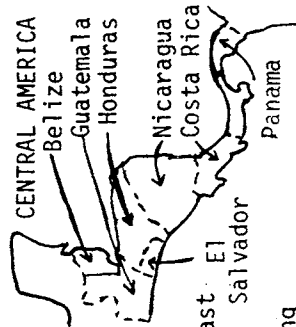
World missions should have the backing of everyone who feels that through it we can make a real contribution towards fulfilling the Great Commission, and establishing the Lord's Kingdom world wide.

NOTICE IN HIS REFLECTIONS,

1) the author's lifelong desire to see the lost reached with the gospel, 2) his interest in the regions beyond, and 3) an awareness of the cultural distinctives that make one people distinct from another, and 4) his creative thinking on new mechanisms needed to penetrate frontier areas, "tentmaking missions." Rev. Long did not bemoan the difficulties of "closed doors", nor underestimate the potential conflicts or opposition.

1st week

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE TRIBAL PEOPLE BLACK CARIBS



The Black Caribs live along the coast of Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras in Central America. These approximately 31,500 people are a distinct group, being descendants of African slaves and Carib Indians.

Historically, the Black Caribs came from the Island of St. Vincent's, a tiny island in the British West Indies. The first Negroes on the island were survivors of slave ships wrecked near the island. They were joined, during the 17th century, by liberated and runaway slaves. The Negroes intermarried with the Carib Indians who were natives of the island, adopting their language and culture. In the 18th century, the English, who wanted to possess St. Vincent's, felt threatened by the Black Caribs and forcibly deported them to the Island of Roatan off the north coast of Honduras. From there, they dispersed along the coast of the mainland, settling in isolated communities.

The Black Caribs engaged in fishing and small-scale agriculture. They continued the Animistic religious practices brought with them. More recently, some of these people have moved into the larger port cities where they live in communities. Others, especially young men, have left their coastal villages to work in the cities. Only 1% of these people are Christian.

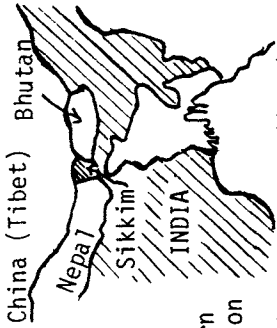
Some attempt has already been made to reach these people with the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Portions of the Bible have been translated into their language, Moreno. One problem, however, even with the translation of the Bible, is that most of the people are illiterate; and when the children do have a chance to go to school, they learn to read Spanish.

Pray that Christian work among the Black Caribs may be expanded, and that the people in the villages may be taught to read. Pray that soon these people may have their own churches in their own language.

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PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE HINDUS INDIA: STATE OF SIKKIM



The State of Sikkim, on the northern border of India, is surrounded by Nepal on the east, Bhutan on the west, and Tibet (now part of China) on the north. Only 2,745 square miles in area, it lies on the shortest caravan route between India and Tibet and has long been an important trade center. In this mountainous state, most of the people make their living from agriculture. Sikkim has been a state of India since 1975.

The population of 250,000 (1977 estimate) is divided into three ethnic elements; the Lepchas, Bhots (Tibetans), and Nepalese. The Lepchas are the original inhabitants. The Bhots from Tibet began entering Sikkim in the 13th century. The Nepalese did not come until the 19th century, but now they make up 75% of the population. The Lepchas and Bhots are Lamaistic (Tibetan) Buddhists, while the Nepalese are Hindus.

Although the Hindu Nepalese are the largest group, the dominant people are the Bhots. The Nepalese, who settled in the southern part of the state, have suffered from social discrimination. There are four official languages in the state; Lepcha, Bhutia, Nepali, and English. Nepali is commonly used for trade and education.

Less than 1% of the population is Christian, divided about equally between the Lepchas and the Nepalese. In 1980, there was only one church building in the entire state. Christian missionaries arrived about one hundred years ago, but the spread of Christianity has been very slow. Today, almost all foreign missionaries have been withdrawn, but Christians from other parts of India are active in the state. The New Testament has been translated into both Nepali and Bhotia.

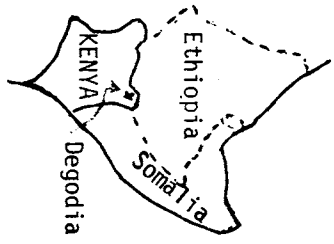
Pray that the present number of missionaries working in Sikkim may be increased. Pray too that the people of this state, especially the Hindu Nepalese, may be open to hearing and receiving the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE MUSLIMS

KENYA: DEGODIA SOMALI

It is a rare occasion in history when a whole people are ready to change their religion; it is even more rare when that people are Muslim. Political and sociological changes have forced the Degodia people of Kenya to consider the desperate step of renouncing their allegiance to Islam!



In the eastern part of Africa, Kenya borders on the two trouble areas of Ethiopia (on the north) and Somalia (on the east). The government of Somalia has been trying to unite all the ethnic Somali people, who were formerly divided among four colonial powers.

Five ethnic Somali peoples live within Kenya; the largest of these five are the Degodia, who number 90,000-100,000. The Somali people in general, both in Kenya and in Ethiopia, want to unite with Somalia. In Kenya, a guerrilla-cum-bandit movement has been pressuring the wealthier Degodia people to support the struggle to make northeast Kenya part of Somalia. The Degodia, however, have rejected these demands, fearing that they would become second-class citizens in the Somali socialist state and lose much of their source of wealth-- their flocks of sheep and goats and their cattle.

Taperecorded Christian messages have won believers among the Degodia, many of whom now feel that their future lies with the government of Kenya and in becoming Christian.

One missionary has reported, "The tragedy of the situation is that there are no workers to work with those who have said openly, 'We wish to become Christians.'" An even greater tragedy is that this potential harvest became known to the Christian community in 1979, and as of the fall of 1981 no worker was as yet ministering there.

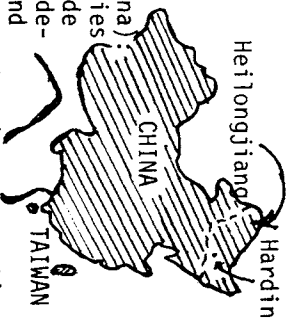
Pray for culturally-sensitive workers who can learn the language quickly. Pray for guidance to overcome difficulties in establishing churches among a nomadic pastoral people.

Information provided by Warren Chastain, staff member of the Samuel Zwemer Institute (Islam). This Institute is directed by Don McCurry (Box 365, Altadena, California 91001).

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE CHINESE

CHINA: HEILONGJIANG

CHINA (The Peoples Republic of China) More and more good land surrounding cities throughout China is being used for a wide variety of industries as well as for sideline occupations such as raising pigs and poultry and growing fruit trees. These two trends are creating a rapid growth in the number of non-agricultural village people. Pray that this growing group in the villages may hear and receive the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.



REFUGEES: Ethnic Chinese, buying their way out of unbearable living conditions in northern Vietnam, are immigrating into refugee camps in southern China. There are now more than 263,000 Vietnamese refugees crowded into state farms. Because of austere living conditions on these farms, the refugees are reportedly seeking residence in western countries. Pray that these refugees may find not only better living conditions but also the only true way to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

CHINA--PROVINCE OF HEILONGJIANG (Heilungkiang): Harbin, the capital of this northernmost province, is a busy manufacturing center of 2.1 million people. Although at least 200 miles from the nearest Soviet border troops, the people of this city live in fear of Soviet invasion. Pray that the people of Harbin may find the release from fear which comes from the love of God as revealed in His Son Jesus Christ.

TAIWAN: Export processing zones (EPZ) have been creating a new people group in Taiwan. There are already at least 80,000 workers in the three established EPZs of Kaohsiung and Taichung. Men are usually trained for the higher skilled jobs, while most of the routine work is done by young farm girls who live in factory dorms. Pray that these EPZ workers may come to know and receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

CHINA: Estimates on the strength of the People's Liberation Army run from 3.8 to 4.5 million uniformed soldiers. From top to bottom ranks, they are a discontented army. Their unhappiness stems from their recent loss of political power, prestige and privileges due to new government policy. Pray that among these discontented ranks many may be recruited for the Lord's army!

Information from "Watchman on the Great Wall", September-October, 1981, published by the Institute of Chinese Studies, U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104.



LETTERS

COMMENTS AND QUOTES
FROM READERS AND FRIENDS

[My wife] and I have been reading together your "Mission Frontiers" magazine, and praying earnestly every day for you and your good project.

We have decided and agreed together to give each \$50 to the other and send the combined amount, \$100 to you now in this time of emergency (instead of Christmas gifts to each other).

May we suggest that you consider this plan and suggest that you use the plan in writing to friends and relatives of staff members, using with reference to us as anonymous donors." The results should be several hundred dollars.

Lovingly and prayerfully,
W. & G.S.
Paradise, CA

I am a recipient of your published correspondence. Several years ago I contributed \$15.95 to become one of your official donors. Recently I sent in a second contribution, for \$30.00. I knew you could use the funds in light of the financial difficulties you are currently passing through. Reading your recent bulletin, I felt moved to make a further contribution. Enclosed, therefore, you will find another check for \$30.00 I am doing this because I do not want to see your visionary undertaking undermined by a lack of financial support. You will be in my prayers.

With Christian regards,
D.A.B.
Weehawken, NJ

I am a retired missionary from Pakistan and do not have the millions I would love to send but do care very much about the multitude upon which the Light has not yet shined, and know the Lord is able to do above all we can ask or think; and believe He will send His chosen ones "into all the world" to preach the Gospel. The vision He gave for world mission He will surely bring to pass.

Sincerely in faith,
M. B. A.
Washington, IA

Just finished reading your book, "Once More Around Jericho," and I thought it was so inspiring!! Such faith and trust, God cannot help but reward.

Instead of the \$15.95, we are sending you \$100 to help to reach your goal. We will be praying that all of your needs will be provided. What a great work — to reach that "hidden" peoples.

God bless you richly as you move ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,
J. E. K.
Dearborn, MI

When I heard about your financial plight I was both saddened and emboldened. I was sad to think of the many Christians in this country who do not care enough about the Lord to be missions minded or live sacrificially so that others might have resources to enable others to hear the Gospel. But I was emboldened to be sacrificial so that I might be a good steward of His resources. Please pray for our church . . . and the evergrowing Missions Coordinating Fellowship . . . Pray that the church as a whole would become missions minded and sacrificial in their giving to missions and missionaries. The enclosed amounts to one day's salary on a job the Lord literally gave to me. Praise Him! I hope that more will come soon. Keep on running the race for Him.

With you in my prayers,
B.H.

I'm looking forward to hearing more about your work and in greater detail. I really appreciate what I read in the letter about God's inability . . . to lead us on the basis of facts we do not have. I want to hear more facts not only from God's word but from those who are carrying out His work.

I did not write this check and relenquish \$15.95 unbegrudgingly. I'm just another selfish American who continues to use flimsy excuses like "I don't have the time," or here's a good one . . . "I can't afford it," or just plain "I can't." You people need to pray for people like me. Well anyway . . .

Sincerely,
T. P.
Lynnwood, CA

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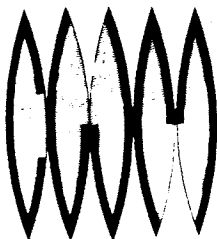
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